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Attorney Docket No. 27585-022

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas P. Hager and Richard N. Lehman
Serial No.: 10/003,529
Filing Date: October 31, 2001
For: COMPACT HYBRID FIBER REINFORCED RODS FOR
OPTICAL CABLE REINFORCEMENTS AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

Examiner: / Jill M. Gray
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- ☒ Response to final Office Action mailed September 7, 2005;
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$395.00 (small entity fee pursuant to § 1.17(e));
- ☒ Petition for Five Months Extension of Time;
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,080.00 (small entity fee) to cover the requisite fee to file five months extension of time; and
- ☒ Return Post Card.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Serial No. 10/003,529 as identified above. Included with this request are the required elements of (1) a Request (this document); (2) a Submission (Response to final Office Action mailed September 7, 2005); and (3) the RCE Filing Fee. The Submission provided herein is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. With such a timely filed Request, Submission, and Fee, Applicants believe that the Response should be entered into the record.

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Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 on March 6, 2006, and, as such, Applicants' Appeal Brief was due on May 6, 2006. Applicants' Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 submitted herewith in conjunction with a Petition for Five Months Extension thereby extends the date for filing a required response to October 6, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due for this submission, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, referencing Attorney Docket No. 27585-022. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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